Showers to-day; followed by fair; to-

morfow fair; moderate northwest winds Highest temperature yesterday, 76; lowest, 67.

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FRENCH AND AMERICANS REACH THE AISNE; WIN 30 TOWNS; FLIGHT EXTENDS TO RHEIMS; BRITISH FAST DRAWING NEARER TO CAMBRAI

WILSON ORDERS AN INQUIRY INTO SLACKER RAIDS

Demands Gregory Explain at Once What One Senaator Calls Terrorism.

DENUNCIATION GENERAL

Senate Resolution Seeks to Place Responsibility for Use of Soldiers and Sailors.

Special Despatch to Tun Sun WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 .- President Wilson set on foot to-day a personal in quiry into the circumstances surrounding the slacker raids in New York city and the wholesale agreets made in connection with the dragnet tactics of the Department of Justice and Governmen

Stirred by complaints from many ources, some of them from Senators. the President late to-day sent a letter Attorney-General Gregory in which he asked the latter to submit to him at once all the facts in connection with the raids and the reasons impelling the instigation of such procedure as the

In a statement issued to-night by the Department of Justice it was announced in intoxicants in the neighborhood of that John Lord O'Bryan would go to coal mines, shipyards, munition plants New York to-morrow to institute an in- and other manufacturing establishments vestigation as to whether or not agents engaged in the production of war neces of the Government had exceeded their sities, passed without even a roll call or authority in making the raids. Attention a reference to a committee a resolution was called to the fact that the Depart- by Senator Keilogg (Minn.) authorizing ment of Justice, cooperating with the Pro- the President to declare "dry zones" vost Marshal General, had run down stackers since the raids in and about New York were begun and brought many more individuals in touch with draft boards, to the number of

It was admitted that full responsibility for the raids was assumed by A. Bruce Bielaski, Chief of the Department of Investigation. It was asserted also It was sent at once to the House and that the Provost Marshal General's of there introduced by Representative Mil-

Denunciation In General.

of the authorities in connection there Is was seen here to-day in man quarters. Not alone in the Senate where the authorities in New York was critieised even to the point of denunciation. That a blunder had been made, which vective from the friends of the measure. was to say the least unfortunate at this time, seemed to be the genera conviction. The question at once heard

wholesale description for the time being. shall have convinced the President that such tactics were justified. It is the resolution, regardless of its immediate general impression here that if the facts object, would be national. are as reported in the newspapers the President will not give his approval to

any resumption of the raids. In the Senate the raids led to ar outburst such as has seldom been witnessed. in the course of which the action of the authorities was likened by Senator Hiram Johnson to the whole sale arrests of suspects in the French

"Reign of Terror." Democratic Senators joined with the Republicans in expressing violent dis- son has all but given up his plan for approval. The upshot of the debate was a speaking tour to the Pacific coast on a resolution offered by Senator Smoot behalf of the Liberty Loan. This was directing the Military Affairs Committee to begin an immediate investigation with replying to a Senator who had asked a view to determining the responsibility him to visit his State, said that greatly for the raids.

Crowder Denies Responsibility.

On objection of Senator Kirby (Ark.) the resolution went over until to-morrow. The Smoot resolution reads:

Whereas the daily papers have reported the seizure of or arrest and temporary incarceration of many thousand citizens, particularly in the State of New York; and, whereas, such reports indicate that in the so-called roundup" sallors and soldiers in the uniform of the United States participated : therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed immediately to investigate and report upon such alleged occurrences and as towho was or is responsible, if any one, for the presence of such sailors and oldiers or either in such so-called one, issued orders, if any, resulting in the presence of such soldiers and silors and their participation in the aid occurrences if they were so pres-

The Senate flared up when Chairman berlain read into the record an editorial from a New York morning news criticising the "omnium gath-of alleged or suspected slackers, that paper were not the friend and

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We Will Pursue Foe Implacably, Says Foch

PARIS, Sept. 5 .- In a telegram replying to the congratula-tions of the Paris Municipal Council, Marshal Foch, Com-mander in Chief of the Entente allied forces, thanked the council in his own name and on behalf of the French and allied armies,

"The German rush which menaced Paris and Amiens has to pursue the enemy implacably.

SENATE PASSES DRY ZONE EDIC

Votes Power to President to Establish Prohibition Anywhere in U. S.

Meant to Wipe Out a Plague Spot in Superior Ore Region, but Scope Is National.

Special Despatch to THE Ses. WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 .- The Senate taking cognizance to-day of the increasing demand for restriction of the traffic necessary.

The Kellogg resolution was simply ment" to the pending food production sthnulation biff of similar tenor and identical language.

fice was working with the department in ler (Minn.), but on objection to its im-

the House. with provoked such a violent reaction up the war revenue bill to-morrow and velopment of the general plan of operaits consideration for a speedy enactment of the Kellogg-Miller prevailed in the last draft is regarded assembling of the Senators, but in of- resolution cannot take place until that as too slow. important measure is out of the way.

The action of Representative Dent

was the elimination of a little plague Apparently the President had no spot at Oliver, Wis., one and a half miles previous knowledge that any such tac-from the twin towns of Duluth, Minn., tics had been planned by any of his and Superior, Wis., where a saloon of executive officers. His action in request- large proportions, using nine bartenders ing the Attorney-General to submit to and running a motor bus line to the two that there will be no more raids of this ace to the peace, order and energy of the two towns and where also no fewer than seven wholesale liquor houses are a thriving business in "third rail"

The extent of the effectiveness of the

PRESIDENT'S TOUR TO COAST DOUBTFUL Wilson Tells Senator Business May Keep Him at Capital.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 .- President Wilindicated to-day when the President, as he desired to make such a trip he felt that with important legislation still before Congress and the likelihood at any minute of a change in the international situation it might be unwise for him to absent himself from Washington

during October.

This decision was forecast in The SUN on Tuesday. A definite statement

concerning the proposed trip may be made within a few days. Although preparation of tentative schedules for the trip was under way is known that some of the Presider osest friends believed that the ons from cities anxious to entertain the President are still pouring into the White

ANNE MORGAN IS CITED.

Mrs. Dike Also Mentioned

French Army Orders. By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Annie Murray Dike, president, and Miss Anne Morgan. rics-president of the American Com-nittee for Relief in the Devastated Regions of France, have been cited in orders of the day by Gen. Degoutts commanding the Sixth French Army.

The citation says that Mcs. Dike and Miss Morgan "for more than a year have consecrated themselves with inelligent activity and admirable tion to restoring French firesides de-

WILL RUSH NEW DRAFT; DRAWING BY OCTOBER 1

Crowder Says First Men to Go Will Start Next Month.

RGES EXEMPTION CLAIM

Sees Delay Otherwise and Also Asks Questionnaires Be Returned Promptly.

Special Despatch to Tun Sun. WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 .- The order in which individuals of the 13,000,000 men between the ages of 18 and 45 inclusive will be liable to military service will be established between September 22 and DENT OBJECTS IN HOUSE October 1, when the great drawing of

master numbers will take place. Within three weeks thereafter Provost Marshal General Crowder expects to begin supplying army demands with a flow of men taken in under the new draft. Speed, to fit the nation's plan to rush 4,000,000 fighting men to Trance by next summer, is to feature all the proceedings of the new maximum man power call to

In his talk with the newspaper correspondents to-day Major-Gen. Crowder emphasized the need of speed and at the same time gave concise, definite inforto the step by step process which will affect registrants.

Registration Next Thursday.

The first step to be taken by all those subject to the colors is that all male perons in the United States who reached their eighteenth birthday and have not yet reached their forty-sixth and who are not in the military, diplomatic or onsular service are to go to the designated place and register next Thursday This process of registration is simple and involves giving name, age, color, ecupation, address and nationality. After registering the individual has no further move to make until he gets his

questionnaire. mediate consideration interposed by Rep. Crowder expects that the complete regresentative Dent (Ala.) its considera- intration returns will have been teleion was postponed under the rules of graphed to him. The questionnances With the House in agreement to take boards without waiting for further de. of the Germans, now in full retreat. siderable time the chances are that the of the questionnaires out a day which north side of the range of heights be-Registrants may therefore expect to

drew a flood of privately expressed in- days after they have registered. These as to go around them. questionnaires must be answered and swer to be made within seven days after their dash in March was made. receipt of the questionnaire, but Protask of classifying the 13,000,000 reg-

Exemption Claims Necessary.

The questionnaires are in printed form. comprising sixteen pages, and call for a series of answers to detailed questions ble to begin the envelopment of half of which cover every angle of the registrants economic, social and occupational status. Admittedly many may be puzzled in making out the answers, but this matter will be explained more fully withn a few days, and arrangements will be nade for any individual registrant to have the advice of designated officials of the total boards in answering ques-

The new questionnaires, like the old. the registrant or some other all upon the registrant or some oth nterested person to answer the questi Do you claim exemption or deferred

ment and that the registrant's status as set forth through other answers in the questionnaire would permit the Government to judge whether he was entitled to deferred classification or exemption. But it was found that this plan, although it spared the registrant the embarrass ment of actually claiming deferred class

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"Sun" Fund Boys Sing Victory Song in France

DRIVE we started in Chateau Thierry will finish in Berlin," is the start of the chorus; other words may be read on page

Two ball games will be played at the Polo Grounds for the fund Sunday. Each will be a part of a championship series. The big party and dance at the Waldon s set for to-morrow night, and there are numerous money mak ing block parties scheduled for the same evening and for the same popular cause.

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Hertling Has Resigned, Says Bavarian Report

LONDON, Sept. 6 .- Count George F. von Hertling, the Imperial German Chancellor, has resigned, giving bad health as the cause for his retirement, according to the Geneva correspondent of the Daily Express, quoting a despatch received in Geneva from Munich, Bavaria.

FRENCH TACTICS LIKE FOOTBALL

Mangin, Humbert, Debeney and Bertholet Aet in Perfect Cooperation.

FACE ST. GOBIAN MASSIF

Stronghold Baffled Allies Last Year, but Foothold Has Been Obtained.

By GERALD CAMPBELL.

London Times Service.

Copyright 1918; all rights reserved. WITH THE FRENCH ARMY, Sept. 5 .-The French Generals Mangin, Humbert Bertholet and Debeney are working the French attack like a clever backfield of feinting, sideslipping and plunging brough the line, always varying their tactics and always working together. Yesterday again they gained valuable ground and had the defence badly tied up. Try as they might-and the Gerforced steadily back. The pace is be-

losing heart as well as wind.

Humbert's troops on the left centre Apilly, the same distance due east, their fan shaped front, when they finished their day's work, took in Guiscard, away, Beaugies, Beaudescourt, Bois de la Cave It is at that point where the heart of the present German operations is loenemy was in exceedingly strong posi-

> No doubt the French have reached from west and south. Guiscard and are working along the tween Noyon and Chauny. The way

returned after being aworn to by the the Germane will have to go back to the retreat from the Marne is ended. registrants. The law compels this an- St. Quentin-La Fere line, from which

registrants will not take the seven days Couchy. These have been to the Ger- retreat. It was, in fact, a strategic re-Return of the questionnaires the French. It was at the border of the in three days would save that much time latter forest that the German offensive my's desperate effort to get around it.

instantly interesting and important problem of St. Gobian will again be set for rolution. So far it has only been possi-

FIRST MARNE FIGHT **BEGAN 4 YEARS AGO** Waning German Strength Shown in Comparisons.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN from th

London Times Service. Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. WITH THE FRENCH ARMY, Sept. 5 .-Four years ago to-day the first battle of the Marne began. Then the French feated ninety enemy divisions. That was only the beginning of German resources, however, since to-day, with five million effectives put out by the four divisions on the western front, with

fifty elsewhere. Five months ago when the German offensive began the number of these reserve divisions was eight-five. To-day the number is fifty less. It appears the number of losses they have suffered since the beginning of the spring offensive is more than a million whereof between six and seven hunderd thous and will return after recuperation.

hand the French within the last few they have a full year's advantage over the German 1920 class. Owing to the conditions under which the boys have region south of the Alsne, which they lived in the last four years in Germany and the 1921 lot will be even wo

can troops are coming at the rate of a e larger than the whole German army

the fatal mistake of allowing us time between each drive to recover our breath. That is where Foch has shown himself their superior. His blows have ollowed each other swiftly

YANKEES HURRY GERMAN FLIGHT TOWARD AISNE

Enemy Still Retreating on Vesle Front, Losing Many Villages.

Americans Encounter Slightly Increased Resistance From Artillery.

By HERBERT BAILEY. al Cable Despatch to Tun Sun from the

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WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE Sept. 5.-The Germans are still retreating on the Vesle front. They are roing toward the Alsne heights south of the river. The Americans have encountered slightly increased machine gun and artillery resistance, but they re pushing steadily forward, and one after another the villages between the Veste and the Alsne are being reoccu-

By the Associated Press WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE FRONT, Sept. 5.—With the excep-tion of a few machine detachments, left to sacrifice themselves in an effort to cover the retreat, the Germans were on the north side of the Aisne to-night. The American and French troops of the enemy since the evacuation of the Vesle Valley began, were still in contact, harassing the rearguard and

Long before nightfall the American lowlands toward the Alane, off the plawere in magnificent form. From Fre-lowlands toward the Alane, off the pia-lowlands toward the Alane, off the pia-teau from which they had been able to niches, six miles north of Noyon, to the north valley at the cathelook over the next valley at the cathe dral towers in Lana, not fifteen miles

hastening the movement of the whole

tions, in both new and old fortifications. centre and must naturally be defended The French are masters of the two main with the utmost determination if the then will be sent out by the local roads to Ham, and are close on the heels allied forces are to be prevented from

Chemin des Dames. With their recross- footing this side of the Canal Moeuvres. It appears more and more certain that ing of the Alsne the second phase of the where fighting went on to-day.

little in men and munitions. So steady and rapid was the with-May, after Mangin had stopped the en- alry was employed to-day to maintain contact at one or two places, the cavalry also contributing to the location of ma-

> The Americans were subjected at times to a rather heavy artillery fire. especially while going over the plateau. For about two miles it was necessary or them to advance in the open over high ground plainly visible to the German observers. There was little cover. and both heavy and light artillery swept out checking to any degree the forward movement.

Allied Guns Are Active.

neanwhile delivered a punitive fire directed against the vilages and roads be-this side of the town and ent youd the Alsne and shelled the points station, which was unoccupied. this side of the town and entered the yond the Aisne and shelled the points where machine gun nests were located. On the clearing out of these nests was accomplished in this engagement more by the artillery than in previous battles.

this side of the town and entered the builders, but other men gallantly resulted and, facing a galling in strength, and our patrols which placed those killed and, facing a galling free continued until pontoons and foot pushed in there were counter attacked by the artillery than in previous battles.

This work afforded now provide the forest of Villers-Cotterets, which are considered in the station, which was unoccupied. On the builders, but other men gallantly response to the forest to the German ambitions in placed those killed and, facing a galling free continued until pontoons and foot builders. This work afforded numerous constitutions in placed those killed and, facing a galling free continued until pontoons and foot builders. This work afforded numerous constitutions in strength, and our patrols which was unoccupied. On the builders, but other men gallantly response to the forest of villers. This work afforded numerous constitutions in placed those killed and, facing a galling free continued until pontoons and foot builders. This work afforded numerous constitutions in the placed those killed and, facing a galling free continued until pontoons and foot builders. This work afforded numerous constitutions in the placed those killed and, facing a galling free continued until pontoons and foot builders. This work afforded numerous constitutions in the placed those killed and, facing a galling free continued until pontoons and foot builders. This work afforded numerous constitutions in the placed those killed and, facing a galling free continued until pontoons and foot builders. This work afforded numerous constitutions in the placed those killed and, facing a galling free continued until pontoons and foot builders are constituted to the facing a galling free continued until ponto by the artillery than in previous battles. These machine guns had been left by the Some sharp engagements did occur. These were brief, however, the Germans who were not killed or seriously wounded withdrawing along little communication trenches into large trenches leading to ravines, through which they escaped. This was not a day for prisoners, the whole number taken being less than

movement of the Americans over rial loss, because, instead of advancing Besides these they have the 1920 class in regular formations, they were filtered of 450,000 partly trained. On the other into and through the zone, never presenting a satisfactory target. The prog hand the French within the last few reas down into the lowlands was simil days have enrolled the 1920 class, so larly carried out.

Weakening Morale Seen.

Every evidence obtainable by the Americans as they press upon th man armies points to the gradual, con-tinuous and ever more rapid weakening morale of the troops and the lowering o their effectiveness to a serious point.
The American military authorities draw this conclusion from the action of the German command in shortening th

PROVES LOSS OF 150 U-BOATS Encircling Movement to BY NAMING COMMANDERS Encompass St. Gobain For-

British Admiralty Tells Fate of Murderous German Captains-Some Have Perished; Others Escaped or Are Prisoners.

ish Government does not intend to adopt the crew, whom he had ordered to line the practice of giving proof of official up on the submarine's deck when the utterances made by its Ministers, it has U-boat' was about to submerge. been thought desirable to print in the submarine, the U-44, was sunk with all newspapers to-morrow the names of the hands about a fortnight later. commanding officers of 150 German sub-marines which have been disposed of, in Kapitan-Lieutenant Rudolph Schmei-der, who torpedoed the steamship Arabic MACHINE GUNS STRONGER commanding officers of 150 German suborder to substantiate the statement of

> ocean pests have been destroyed." The statement to be published tonorrow does not include the names of officere commanding Austrian subma-

ines put out of action A majority of the 150 officers menioned are dead. Some of them are prisoners of war, and a few are interned in neutral countries, where they took

Among the officers named are the fol-

Kapitan-Lieutenant Schweiger, who, while in command of the U-20, torpedoed the Lusitania in May, 1915. The
u-20 was lost on the Danish coast in
1916, but Schweiger survived and was ship Ancona and the British steamthe command of the U-20, torsteamship Magda, the Sparish steamship Ancona and the British steamhelm Western Kapitan-Lieutenant Wilin command of the U-80, which was lost with all hands in September, 1917 Kapitan-Lieutenant Paul Wagenfukr. who sank the steamship Belgian Prince ish steamships Falaba and Aguila.

BRITISH CLEAN UP NEW GROUND

Foothold on Canal and Is Attacked.

LENS CITY DEMOLISHED

Has Been Death Trap for the Germans and of No Strategie Value.

By PERRY ROBINSON. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun from the

London Times Service. receive questionnaires within a very few the French to fight their way up hills of their old lines of defence along the area. The enemy still seems to have a

> In the first they were driven back easily beaten off. The enemy apparently suns. mile by mile, and desperate fighting intends to try to hold Havrecourt and

allowed but respond as speedily as mans what Villers-Cotterets has been to treat and has cost them comparatively skirts of Lens. The statement that we ress to-day to the east of Leuilly. seems to have been misinterpreted. for the Government in its stupendous was brought to a halt by the French in drawal of the Germans that French cav- There has been no serious fighting there since last summer. If we had wished bank, Further south the advance con- tory, to capture the place we could have done so at any time, but so long as we left it alone the Germans were com-We kept the place drenched with gas

> terrible. It has been far better to allow the Germans to stay/there and suffer than it would have been to waste our strength attacking it. our strength attacking it.
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> Yesterday morning, pushing carefully compelling the pursuers now and again it in the outskirts, our patrols met no opposition from the south and west difficult positions.
>
> able to use their quick first and again Humbert. Bertholet and Deleney are coordinating their efforts, are easily the most interesting of all the efforts now most interesting now most inte The French and American artillery from which they had a commanding

and shell fire and the enemy losses i

holding the position must have been

and compelled to withdraw.

The broad main streets of the town

and found them empty. There was no fighting, or casualties on either side. excellent target for the enemy ambushed along the banks of the stream. One of our patrols on the south side of along the banks of the stream. Lens fell in with a party of four men in khaki who said they were friends, but the French troops then attacked the they could not give the password. It enemy in the marshes and weeds and in canal and was drowned. Only the four ened from the north and flanked on the feeble men remained, wandering stealth- south.

GERMANS ADMIT DEFEAT IS CERTAIN Captured Letters Reveal Hopelessness of Their Cause.

By the Associated Press WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE Sept. 5.-The effects of the recen Continued on Second Page.

LONDON, Sept. 5 .- Although the Brit- July 31, 1917, and drowned forty of

Premier Lloyd George in the House of that the authors of particularly atro-The statement says it is significant ily after their commission. It says the names of such men are carefully noted by the British Admiralty and that speby the British Admiralty and that spe-cial endeavors are made to bring their active careers swiftly to an end. Sev-eral commanders, it is added, have escaped retribution by finding refuge in shore appointments.

Prominent among those named as having escaped retribution, but whom the British Navy has on its list, according to the statement are these. Ko. vetten-Kapitan Max Falentiener, was responsible for many sinkin for many sinkings of vessels, among them the Norwegian helm Werner, for the sinking of hos-pital ships, and Korvetten-Kapitan Frei-herr von Forstner, who was in command of the U-boat that sank the Brit-

FRENCH SCOUTS

Aisne Set Up Machine

HUMBERT ACROSS SOMME

Canal Bridged Under Fire and Ham Now Threatened From Two Sides.

Gun Defences.

By the Associated Press.

FIELD, Sept. 5.-French reconnoltring vanced to the east bank of the Canal parties to the east of Soissons advanced du Nord at a point a few miles west of The retirement of the Germans to post- Sept. 5 .- This day passed without great this morning to the River Aisne, north things are going and because of the tions north of the Aisne is regarded as incident. We are chiefly busy on the of Brenelle and Chassemy, Further east temper they are in it seems as easy for only preliminary to their reoccupation Scarpe front cleaning up the captured advanced elements reached the Canal Lateral, which runs along the south bank of the Alsne, and are facing the positions on the north bank from which than eight miles the enemy has been

Gen. Mangin's forces, after repulsing are falling back, closely followed by The massif of St. Gobian is made up marked almost every foot of the territory the wood adjoining, where our positions two violent counter attacks saunched by the Americans, French and Italians. receipt of the questionnaire, but Pro-I have just returned from the out- Tombes last evening, made further prog-

> Somme at Epanancourt during the night, lied forces have advanced three miles occupying several points on the east into what yesterday was enemy territinued this morning with greater facility than yesterday between the Oise and the British Take 10,000 in Four Days.

orously every foot of ground.

the hollows and the dried beds of points to a constantly failing morale branches of the river the Germans were back of the enemy lines. able to use their quick firers effectively.

This work afforded numerous occa- remained in French hands at all times, These machine guns had been left by the Germans along a line admirably constructed. The usual overwhelping number of automatics were substituted for men, and so placed that never were they men, and so placed that never were they places of habitation. All the city is men, and so placed that never were they places of habitation. All the city is so far apart that from some angle a crossfire could not be effectively used.

The fact that the river was under the fire places of habitation. All the city is the fact that the river was under the fire places of habitation. All the city is the fact that the river was under the fire places of habitation. All the city is the fact that the river was under the fire places of habitation. All the city is the fact that the river was under the fire places of habitation. All the city is the fact that the river was under the fire places of habitation. All the city is the fact that the river was under the fire places of habitation. All the city is some angle a crossfire could not be effectively used. task of swimming to the opposite side of takes place east or north. Humbert's men have skirted the western edge of men have skirted the western edge of Lens as a city simply is not. It is the stream and bringing back a rowboat. The area has no strategic value. Further north last night our troops made an bullets, but he braved an even more danexploration of the German front lines gerous fire while rowing back, being an

Pluckily crossing the stream under fire

STEFFANSON STARTS HOME.

Report on Explorations.

Steffansson, the explorer, left Dawson present operations are based on that last night for Vancouver and Esquimalt | knowledge. to-report to the naval commander at the latter place regarding the last five years north. He will also follow this report unanimous

est Developing.

ENEMY IN GRAVE PERIL

Yankees Advance Six Miles North of Bazoches and Fismette.

FRENCH CLOSING ON HAM

Haig's Men Moving Swiftly in North and Take 16,000 Prisoners in Four Days.

London, Sept. 5 .-- The German rerement in Picardy and north of the Vesie, carried out under constant and increasing pressure exerted by the Allies, is becoming precipitate. The big events of the day were on

he southern end of the battle line, where American forces are cooperating with the French and where each hour adds to the allied victory, Thirty villages were freed of the invader to-day between the Novon and Soissons regions. North of Novon the French crossed the Somme lateral canal under terrific fire and penetrated to the Ham-Peronne road. The French increased their hold-

ings across the Allette River and are now skirting the St. Gobain Forest, that great wooded region which may be said to be the bulwark of German strength in France. On the other side of this forest Gen. Mangin's Enemy on Scarpe Front Has Germans on North Side of parently with the intention of flunkmen are pushing north and east, aping this area on both sides and avoiding a frontal attack. The latter would please the Germans immensely, since the German positions in the forest

are practically impregnable.

Fires Mark the Retreat. Back of the enemy lines northeast of Noyon allied aviators report numerous fires, indicating that the Germans are burning their supplies- and the French villages-preparatory to a further re-

treat. In the north Field Marshal Haig reports British progress on both sides of WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE Peronne, and British troops have ad-

the Germans hard. On a front of more German counter attacks at Inchy were the Germans are firing from machine forced across the Aisne. To the east all the way to Rheims, the Germans Americans have pushed six miles to the north. North of Fismette these al-

> Autrecourt Heights. The passage of the In the last four days the British alone Somme was effected after a series of have taken more than 16,000 prisoners In the last four days the British alone sharp engagements in which the Ger- and more than a hundred guns. The man mountain troops contested vig- case with which Germans are capturedreports from the front say they make Hidden among the bulrushes and in scarcely an effort to avoid capture-

They then scaled the great siag heaps, from which they had a commanding view. We overran all the railway yards this side of the town and entered the were destroyed, together with their french can turn this forest it will be a first builders.

as his men can move Hindenburg Line Doomed.

The question that is now being assed in the allied capitals more than any other concerns the "new defeace lines." It enemy in the marshes and weeds and in frequently mentioned in despatches from turned out that they were part of an-other patrol that had been in the place opposite bank and finally took the posi-two days without food and had been tions, which were veritable nests of magiven up as lost. There were six of them originally, but one was shot by a German super and one fell into the ened from the north and flanked on the

Some say they will encounter nothing

but disheartened and disorganized Ger-mans. Others believe the enemy has prepared line upon line of fortifications all the way back to the Rhine. Mar-shal Foch undoubtedly has a fairly defi-nite knowledge of what he will have contend with once he passes the Dawson, Y. T., Sept. 5.-Vilhjalmur Hindenburg line, and withour

And since it would not be the part of wisdom for Marshal Foch to push ahead if at the end of his push a stone of the Canadian Government expedition wall awaited him, and since there is a countries, and lately in Germany, to